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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: **SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING  
A DISTRIBUTED FILE SYSTEM UTILIZING  
METADATA TO TRACK INFORMATION  
ABOUT DATA STORED THROUGHOUT THE  
SYSTEM**

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Examiner: T. Y. Chen

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner Interview of July 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.